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Mr. FAZIO, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 5203]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5203) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 3, 12, 14, 18, 22, and 25.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 23, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 6, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment amended as follows:

In lieu of the sum named insert: *$91,423,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment insert: *$150,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 16:

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That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: *$137,039,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: *$4,516,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference report in disagreement amendments numbered 1, 2, 13, and 24.

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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5203) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

SENATE

Amendment No. 1: Reported in technical disagreement. This amendment relates solely to the Senate and in accord with an agreement reached with the managers on the part of the Senate, the managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment as follows:

"Delete the paragraph headed 'Official Mail Costs' "

The managers on the part of the Senate will move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate.

Official mail costs are funded under "Joint Items" in Title I of the bill as proposed by the House.

House of Representatives

PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Amendment No. 2: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will move to recede and concur in the Senate amendment which appropriates $75,100.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Amendment No. 3: Deletes the appropriation of $47,409,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill and the conference agreement include funds for this purpose in the "Joint Items" part of the bill.

Joint Items

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Amendment No. 4: Provides $869,500 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy as proposed by the Senate instead of $768,700 as proposed by the House. The additional funds are necessary due to a senior medical officer being assigned.

Amendment No. 5: Appropriates $1,298,000 for medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants as proposed by the Senate instead of $1,098,000 as proposed by the House. The additional funds are provided for needed medical equipment and for reimbursement for a senior medical officer.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Amendment No. 6: Appropriates $91,423,000 for official mail costs instead of $94,818,000 as proposed by the House.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Amendment No. 7: Appropriates $20,000 for statements of appropriations as proposed by the Senate instead of $13,000 as proposed by the House.

Office of Technology Assessment

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 8: Provides that funds shall be available for and reimbursement can be accepted by the Office of Technology Assessment in connection with the assessment required by section 101(b) of Public Law 99–190, as proposed by the Senate.

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BIOMEDICAL ETHICS BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 9: Appropriates $150,000 for the Biomedical Ethics Board instead of $2,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The Conferees note that the advisory council has not been appointed. A lower amount has been provided to enable the advisory council and staff, when they have been appointed, to develop and submit a budget program for consideration by the Committees on Appropriations on the first appropriate vehicle.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Conferees agree that the Congressional Budget Office should have discretion in assigning the two new positions within the Budget Analysis Division provided for the technical data support required by the Appropriations Committees as a result of Public Law 99-177. The CBO should advise the Committees regarding plans to assign these duties and the new positions.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Amendment No. 10: Appropriates $50,000 for contingent expenses, Architect of the Capitol, as proposed by the Senate instead of $100,000 as proposed by the House.

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

Amendment No. 11: Appropriates $12,068,000 for Capitol buildings as proposed by the Senate instead of $11,959,000 as proposed by the House.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Amendment No. 12: Appropriates $3,182,000 for Capitol grounds as proposed by the House instead of $3,249,000 as proposed by the Senate. Repairs to the Taft Memorial should be made out of available funds.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Amendment No. 13: Reported in technical disagreement. Inasmuch as this amendment relates solely to the Senate and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House will move to recede and concur in the Senate amendment.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Amendment No. 14: Appropriates $62,000,000 for Congressional printing and binding as proposed by the House instead of $64,200,000 as proposed by the Senate. The Conferees are in agreement that the permanent edition of the 1986 Congressional Record should be produced. Funds have not been provided, however, since the GPO has not yet completed the permanent edition of the 1981 Congressional Record. The deferral of these funds, therefore, should not affect the overall program. The GPO is directed to begin work on the 1986 and 1987 editions, when necessary, using available funds.

Amendment No. 15: Provides that this appropriation is not available for copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for Members of the House, as proposed by the Senate, instead of providing that this appropriation shall not be available for printing and binding the permanent edition of the Congressional Record, as proposed by the House.

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 16: Provides $137,039,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress, instead of $136,339,000 as proposed by the House and $137,939,000 as proposed by the Senate. The increase of $700,000 over the House bill consists of $250,000 for acquisitions and $450,000 for cataloging. The Library is urged to further explore the use of computers in making the cataloging operation more efficient and cost effective. As directed in the House report, the Library should use available funds to maintain a suitable schedule of operating hours in the reading rooms.

Amendment No. 17: Provides that $4,516,000 is to remain available until expended for the acquisition of books and other materials instead of $4,266,000 as proposed by the House and $4,766,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

PRINTING AND BINDING

Amendment No. 18: Appropriates $10,700,000 as proposed by the House instead of $12,800,000 as proposed by the Senate. As outlined in the joint statement of the managers under "Congressional Printing and Binding", the GPO is directed to begin work on the 1986 and 1987 editions of the permanent Congressional Record, when necessary, using available funds.

Amendment No. 19: Deletes House language, as proposed by the Senate, which provided that funds were not available for printing and binding the permanent edition of the Congressional Record.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Amendment No. 20: Appropriates $23,634,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of $24,359,000 as proposed by the House for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Superintendent of Documents.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

Amendment No. 21: Deletes House language, as proposed by the Senate, which provided that expenses not to exceed $25,000 shall be available from the revolving fund to host a world-wide Public Printers' Conference.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 22: Appropriates $304,910,000 as proposed by the House instead of $306,910,000 as proposed by the Senate for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office. The Conferees wish to point out the outstanding job done by the GAO in supporting Congressional oversight. The agency has stretched resources to the limit in meeting its requirements to assist the Congress.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 23: Deletes House language, as proposed by the Senate, which defined the term "program, project, and activity" for purposes of P.L. 99-177.

Amendment No. 24: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will move to recede and concur in the Senate amendment which defines the term "program, project, and activity" for purposes of Public Law 99-177.

Amendment No. 25: Deletes language proposed by the Senate which amends Section 3216 of Title 39, United States Code.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1987 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1986 amount, the 1987 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1987 follow:

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1986	[1] $1,556,318,800
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1987	1,822,215,800
House bill, fiscal year 1987	1,305,264,100
Senate bill, fiscal year 1987	1,648,202,214
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1987	1,635,190,214
Conference agreement compared with: New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1986	+78,871,414
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1987	−187,025,586
House bill, fiscal year 1987	+329,926,114
Senate bill, fiscal year 1987	−13,012,000

[1] Reflects the March 1, 1986, sequester of funds pursuant to Public Law 99-177, subsequently ratified by Public Law 99-366.

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